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Dear Sir or Madam:

This filing is being made on behalf of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Entity Code T-01051B.

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an original plus thirteen (13) copies of revisions to QC's Access Service Tariff No. 4.

As described in the attached narrative ("Description of Methodology"), this filing is the third step in implementing the "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" reductions mandated by the Federal Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161). Also enclosed is the CenturyLink certification certifying that CenturyLink is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism established by the Transformation Order.

The calculations supporting this rate change are being filed as confidential and are being sent to Wilfred Shand in a separate letter.

CenturyLink QC respectfully requests that this proposed changes become effective July 1, 2014.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this transmittal are requested. A duplicate letter and self-addressed, stamped envelope are attached for this purpose. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

6.8.2 LOCAL SWITCHING

A. Local End Office Switching

		RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE
• Originating		$0.016270
• Terminating		$0.001391 (R)
• End Office Shared Port		
Originating		0.001300
Terminating		0.000526 (R)
	USOC	**MONTHLY RATE**
• End Office Dedicated Trunk Port,[1] per trunk	P4TWX	$5.11 (R)
		RATE
• 800 DB Access Service		
- 800 CIC, per call		$0.003500
- Vertical Features		
- POTS Translation Charge, per call		0.003665
- Call Handling and Destination Feature Charge, per query		0.000694

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[1] The End Office Dedicated Trunk Port rate was calculated assuming a 50/50 split of the originating and terminating traffic using this flat-rated port. The FCC in their FCC 11-161 ICC Transformation order in section 51.907(d)(1) allowed Price Cap Carriers to use an equal split to divide the charge between originating and terminating elements. When the terminating portion of the rate is reduced and then combined with the originating portion of the rate a single flat rate is generated for billing purposes. The Originating portion of the charge is $3.00. (N)–(N)

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES
6.8.2 LOCAL SWITCHING

A. Local End Office Switching (Cont'd)

- 900 Access Service Customer Identification Charge, per call — 0.000994 (M)

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	
- Per first NXX, per End Office/Tandem	N9E	$103.56	
- Per each subsequent NXX, per End Office/Tandem	N9G1X	24.30	
- Expanded 900 Option per End Office/ Tandem with NXX Activity (available with FGD)	N98AX	890.76	
- Expanded 900 Option per End Office/ Tandem without NXX Activity (available with FGD)	N98BX	968.22	(M)

1. Common Switching Optional Features

	FID
• Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group (available with FGA), per line	CAD
• Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group (available with FGA), per line	SCD
• Hunt Group Arrangement (available with FGA), per line	HML/HTG
• Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement (available with FGA), per line	HTY UD
• Nonhunting Number for use with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement (available with FGA), per trunk group	NHN
• Automatic Number Identification (available with FGB, FGC and FGD), per trunk group[1]	ANI
• Up to 7-Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to customer (available with FGB), per trunk group	USDO

[1] MF Signaling or SS7 Out of Band Signaling.
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15. COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING NETWORK (CCSN)

15.8 RATES AND CHARGES

A. Common Channel Signaling Access Capability (Cont'd)

2. STP Link/STP PORT with STP Access Connection

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
• Option A or B			
- Per First Link/PORT	NRBS1	$567.00	[1]
- Per Each Additional Link/PORT	NRBSA	180.00	[1]

3. STP PORT with STP Access Connection

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
• Option A or B			
- Per Port	PT8SX	[1]	$850.00

B. Message Charge

	INTRASTATE RATE	OTHER RATE
1. Signal Formulation		
• ISUP, Per call set-up request		
- Originating	$0.000829	–
- Terminating	0.000584 (R)	–
2. Signal Transport		
• ISUP, Per call set-up request		
- Originating	0.000559	–
- Terminating	0.000394 (R)	–
• TCAP, Per data request	0.000418	–
3. Signal Switching		
• Per ISUP, Per call set-up request		
- Originating	0.001162	–
- Terminating	0.000819 (R)	–
• Per TCAP, Per data request	0.000460	–

[1] None

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
Description of Methodology

The following narrative describes the methodology and supporting calculations utilized by CenturyLink to implement the process of reducing terminating switched end office rates by one-third of the differential between end office rates and $0.0007 as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(d) which addresses changes beginning July 2014. CenturyLink's supporting calculations utilize the "Access Reduction Spreadsheet" template released by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on April 14, 2014, for calculating the July 1, 2014 intrastate access rate changes.

The FCC spreadsheet template also provides the methodology for calculating the rate changes and identifies in detail the intrastate access rates that are required to be changed consistent with the rules. Step 3 of the USF ICC Transformation Order adjusts Interstate Terminating End Office Access rates down by one-third of the difference between the baseline composite rate and the target composite rate of $0.0007. The terminating interstate rates will then be mirrored on the intrastate side so that rates will remain in parity.

Section 51.907(d) of the FCC Rules requires the Access Reduction Spreadsheet to be modified to reflect rate reductions for July 1, 2014. For Price Cap carriers that file interstate tariffs assessing a single rate applicable in different states, the interstate demand used shall be the sum of the demand for all of the states included in the tariff, rather than making separate state-by-state calculations. For companies with a single rate in multiple states, the below calculations are done at the regional level and the regional rates are mirrored in each study area[1]. For individual study areas, the below calculations are done at the study area level. An overview of the calculations necessary for reducing terminating end office access rates is as follows:

1. Establish the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rates, which reflects interstate rates and demand. (FCC Worksheet Cell J4)
2. Calculate the 2014 Target Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by reducing the 2011 Baseline Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate by one-third of the difference between the 2011 Baseline Composite terminating End Office Access Rate and $0.0007. (FCC Worksheet J5)
3. Adjust Interstate terminating End Office Access rates down to where the interstate Composite Terminating End Office access rate is at or below the Target composite Terminating End Office Access rate. (FCC Worksheet Cell J6)
4. Set Intrastate terminating End Office Access rates equal to their functionally equivalent interstate rates.
5. Prepare intrastate and interstate tariff filing documents as required by each tariff jurisdiction.

The FCC's Order also directed that the End Office Dedicated Trunk port charges be split between originating and terminating and that only the terminating portion of the charge be phased down with the transition to bill & keep. CenturyLink has reflected this split in the FCC ICC "Access Reduction Spreadsheet" along with adding a footnote on our tariff page explaining the 50/50 methodology that CenturyLink used to split the rate. We have also shown the frozen Originating portion of the rate that can be subtracted from the blended rate to derive the resulting terminating portion of the charge.

[1] See footnote No. 27 in clarification order: Connect America Fund, et al., DA 14-434, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al.

CERTIFICATION

I am Vice President – Regulatory Operations for the CenturyLink Operating Companies together with Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). I have overall responsibility for supervision of the personnel who prepare all of the data supporting CenturyLink's annual access charge tariff filings with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and I am authorized to execute this certification. I provide this certification based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of the data submitted in support of CenturyLink's FCC annual access charge tariff filings as well as the data that will be submitted in support of annual state access charge tariff filings as necessary to implement the FCC's November 18, 2011 USF ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161 (WC Docket No. 10-90)(Transformation Order). I have prepared this certification for submission in connection with each of CenturyLink's state tariff filings as necessary to implement the Transformation Order in 2014. I hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R 51.915(d)(3), that CenturyLink is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism established by the Transformation Order.

April 30, 2014

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